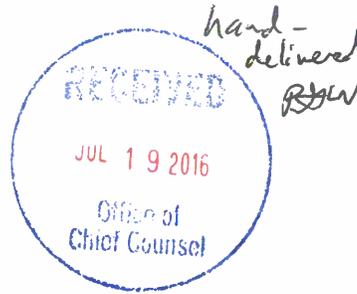




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**Via Electronic Mail**

Re: *SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2286 — Extension of Period for Review and Request for Abeyance of Petition of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Heal the Bay, Los Angeles Waterkeeper for Review of Approval of Watershed Management Programs Pursuant to Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Order R4-2012-0175*

Dear Mr. Wyles:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Heal the Bay, and Los Angeles Waterkeeper (collectively, “Environmental Groups”), we are writing with regard to our petition on the Watershed Management Programs approvals (Petition SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2286).

On June 16, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board issued a proposed own motion order regarding the above petition. However, as Environmental Groups’ petition was deemed complete by the State Board on November 10, 2015, under Title 23 of Cal. Code of Regulations section 2050.5(b), the Board must nevertheless act on our petition no later than August 6, 2016. While we are extremely disappointed that the Board will not review Watershed Management Programs until at least year four of the five-year life of the underlying MS4 Permit, to allow consideration of Petition SWRCB/OCC File No. A-2286 and the State Board’s consideration of the Watershed Management Programs approvals on their own motion concurrently:

1. Environmental Groups agree to grant the State Board a sixty (60) day extension for review of our petition under Title 23 of Cal. Code of Regulations section 2050.5(b).
2. Environmental Groups request that the State Board place our petition into abeyance, under Title 23 of Cal. Code of Regulations section 2050.5(d), effective as of the date of this letter. Environmental Groups reserve the right to remove their petition from abeyance at their discretion.

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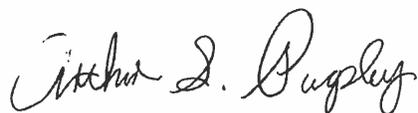
3. Environmental Groups request that the State Board provide updates to the public on their review process through the issuance of Executive Reports every three months.

We look forward to working with the State Board to resolve the issues raised in our petition. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Becky Hayat  
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Natural Resources Defense Council

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